

TESTIMONY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL TWENTY-EIGHTH LEGISLATURE, 2015

ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURE:

S.B. NO. 961, S.D. 2, RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH.

BEFORE THE:

HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

DATE: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 TIME: 8:45 a.m.

LOCATION: State Capitol, Room 329

TESTIFIER(S): Douglas S. Chin, Attorney General, or

Julio C. Herrera, Deputy Attorney General

Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee:

The Department of the Attorney General supports the intent of this bill and offers suggested amendments to address some of the concerns raised in prior testimony.

This bill amends several provisions in chapter 334, Hawaii Revised Statutes (HRS), relating to Assisted Community Treatment, with the goal of reducing the hospitalization and the incarceration of persons with mental illness. This housekeeping measure attempts to modify the procedures relating to petitions for Assisted Community Treatment by: (1) removing the ten-day time limit for setting a hearing date; (2) allowing notice of continuances to be served via the public defender; (3) allowing the court to appoint a guardian ad litem, where warranted; (4) specifying provisions relating to the appointment of a public defender or other court-appointed attorney; (5) removing redundant provisions relating to the examination of the subject of the petition; and (6) requiring treating providers to provide information to the Department of Health for statistical purposes.

The Department of the Attorney General recommends that the amendments below be included in this bill to address some of the concerns raised in prior testimony. Starting with page 4, line 4, subsection (c) should read as follows:

"(c) Notice of all subsequent hearings shall be served in accordance with subsections (a) and (b), and in accordance with all applicable family court rules relating to service of notice, including that service need not be made on parties in default for failure to appear."

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Next, we recommend amending subsection (h) on page 6, line 13, to read as follows: "(h) No subject of the petition shall be ordered to receive assisted community treatment unless at least one psychiatrist testifies in person at the hearing who has personally assessed the subject [within the time period commencing ten calendar days before the filing of the petition and ending at the time of the psychiatrist's testimony], just prior to the filing of the petition, up to the time when the psychiatrist provides oral testimony at court."

Finally, the wording inserted into the bill relating to the appointment of a public defender or other court-appointed attorney, at the suggestion of the Judiciary, starting on page 5, line 20, raised a concern with the Office of the Public Defender. Under chapter 802, HRS, indigent persons who are the subject of an Assisted Community Treatment petition are entitled to representation by the Office of the Public Defender, subject to court approval. Persons who appear in court can be notified of their right to counsel and can waive that right, upon proper inquiry from the court. A problem arises when a person refuses to appear for court. When one receives proper notice of a hearing in a civil matter such as this, and he or she fails to appear, the normal recourse would be to default the person and to proceed in his or her absence. Many liberty interests are at stake however, and proceeding without counsel gives the appearance of impropriety. The wording offered by the Judiciary appears to strike a delicate balance between these competing interests. We would encourage further discussion between the stakeholders to propose wording that would satisfy all parties. There may be a need to revise chapter 802, HRS, to take into account the special circumstances involved in petitions for Assisted Community Treatment.

We respectfully ask the Committee to pass this measure with the suggested modifications and to encourage further dialog among the stakeholders.



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Testimony in SUPPORT of SB 961 RELATING TO MENTAL HEALTH TREATMENT

REPRESENTATIVE DELLA AU BELATTI, CHAIR HOUSE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Hearing Date: March 18, 2015 Room Number: 329 8:45 a.m.

0.43 a.m.

- 1 **Fiscal Implications:** Indeterminate.
- 2 **Department Testimony:** The Department of Health (DOH) supports SB 961 SD2. The
- 3 proposed bill, as amended, is likely to improve implementation of Assisted Community
- 4 Treatment (ACT).
- 5 Among other things, the Assisted Community Treatment statute mandates that DOH
- 6 gather information from treating providers related to MH-1s and hospitalization of individuals
- 7 who are under an order to treat (OTT) and submit an annual report of its findings and
- 8 recommendations to the Legislature. Although DOH is mandated to gather information from
- 9 treating providers, there is currently no corresponding mandate for treating providers to provide
- this information to DOH.
- DOH offered a proposed amendment to Act 221, Section 21 of the Session Laws of
- Hawaii. The proposed amendment has been incorporated into SB 961 SD2. This language will
- enhance the ability of the DOH to carry out its mandated responsibility to gather information for
- the purpose of providing an annual report to the Legislature. The DOH sought to accomplish a
- simple language clean-up to enables the Adult Mental Health Division (AMHD) to obtain

- 1 information for the annual report. AMHD requested DOH authority in gathering information
- 2 from treating providers to be narrowly tailored to the ACT program evaluation rather than the
- 3 broader follow-up on treatment delivered to individuals with a court order for ACT and that this
- 4 information be provided to the DOH or its designee, by September 30th of each year, for the
- 5 purposes of compiling the report.
- 6 Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



Office of the Public Defender State of Hawaii



Timothy Ho, Chief Deputy Public Defender Testimony of the Office of the Public Defender, State of Hawaii to the House Committee on Health

March 18, 2015, 8:45 a.m.

RE: S.B. 961, SD2: Relating To Mental Health Treatment

Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee:

The Office of the Public Defender disagrees with the proposed amendments on pages 4 and 5 of this measure, and therefore stands in opposition to S.B. 961, SD2.

This measure proposes the insertion of a new subsection in the notice requirement (page 4). According to this subsection, notice to the public defender of subsequent hearings will be considered to be effective notice to the subject of the petition. Service upon the Office of the Public Defender cannot be considered effective notice on the subject of the petition. Such a requirement would prove to be overly burdensome for our office to locate and notify our clients of a continued court date, many of whom are homeless and without any means of receiving telephonic, electronic or written communication. The Office of the Public Defender has a total of (4) investigators serving approximately sixty (60) attorneys, who handle over twenty thousand cases annually. Furthermore, the proposed language is flawed. Some of the subjects will not be represented by the Office of the Public Defender. They will have privately retained or courtappointed attorneys, or represent themselves. There is no provision for providing notice to a subject who is appearing pro se or with private or court-appointed counsel. According to this provision, service upon our office would be considered effective notice to subjects not represented by our office.

The Senate Committee on Health amended S.B. 961 by inserting language on page 5 of this measure that mandates the Office of the Public Defender to represent all individuals that are the subject of these petitions at the time of the filing of the petition. This requirement runs contrary to Chapter 802, Hawaii Revised Statutes, which is the statute that governs our office, and procedures for which an indigent receives legal representation. The Office of the Public Defender represents indigents charged with criminal offenses or who are facing involuntary confinement or out-patient psychiatric, mental or medical treatment.

The procedure is set forth in Chapter 802-3, HRS, which states as follows:

Any person entitled to representation by a public defender or other

appointed counsel may at any reasonable time request any judge to appoint counsel to represent the person.

HRS §802-5(a) states:

(a) When it shall appear to a judge that a person requesting the appointment of counsel satisfies the requirements of this chapter, the judge shall appoint counsel to represent the person at all stages of the proceedings, including appeal, if any.

Chapter 802, HRS, requires a person to be notified of their right to counsel, a request for counsel, a determination of indigence and approval by the court. The language proposed in S.B. 961, SD1 bypasses the procedural requirements in Chapter 802, HRS, and mandates the Office of the Public Defender to represent all subjects to involuntary outpatient petitions without a referral from the court and court approval. While the proposed language makes it "easier" for the courts and personnel involved in these proceedings, it should not override the individual's choice to be represented, or not represented by counsel. Furthermore, we believe this may set a dangerous precedent of requiring the Office of the Public Defender to represent all individuals who are charged with crime or who face a loss of liberty from inception of the charges, as opposed to being appointed by the courts. This kind of a procedural change will require additional attorneys and support staff in addition to a significant increase in our budget.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this bill.

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Wailua Brandman	Hawaii Assoc. of Professional Nurses	Support	No

Comments: Aloha Representative Belatti, Chair, Representative Creagan, Vice Chair, and Honorable members of the House COMMITTEE ON HEALTH, Mahalo for this opportunity to testify in support of SB 961, on behalf of the Hawaii Association of Professional Nurses (HAPN). As a primary psychiatric provider, both in the public and private sector, I am aware of the large percentage of homeless people who have a debilitating mental illness and how this condition contributes to their homelessness. This is not to say that there are people who are not homeless who also have debilitating mental illness. We know that with each relapse of psychosis, damage occurs in the brain tissue that precludes the person from maintaining their previous baseline of functioning. For this reason early medical intervention can and does protect against declining levels of functioning in these patients. The longer we wait to treat psychosis, the lower the baseline of function falls. By involuntarily committing a person in psychosis to medical treatment, we are actually doing that person a favor by preventing a further permanent decline in baseline of functioning. If passed, this bill will benefit a most vulnerable population. Many of these people are unaware that they have a psychosis; a current theory holds that they have physical changes in the frontal lobes of the brain that prevent the person from recognizing the illness, and so they don't believe they are sick and therefore do not need or wish to have treatment. This condition is named anosognosia. We would also like to point out that in current practice, many of these people may be patients of psychiatric mental health advance practice registered nurses (PMH APRNs) who are providing primary care to these folks. PMH APRNs are also now being hired as hospitalists at the locations housing inpatient psychiatric units, as well as filling psychiatrist positions at the community based case management companies. There is very little difference between the practices of a Psychiatrist and that of a PMH APRN. To avoid discrimination against patients of APRNs and also to make the system more fluid in its workings, we recommend inserting "and/or PMH APRN" in all instances in the bill where the word "Psychiatrist" exists. Hawaii is an APRN full practice authority state and has been a leader in this country's changes to improve access to health care in large part due to the progressive and innovative thinking of our legislature. We would hope that this is a continuing quality present in this very session. Thank you for this opportunity to testify in strong support of SB 961 with the amendment adding PMH APRN. Wailua Brandman APRN PMH CNS/NP-BC FAANP Chair, HAPN Legislative Committee wailua@aya.yale.edu 808-255-4442

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THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES THE TWENTY-EIGTH LEGISLATURE REGULAR SESSION OF 2015

Committee on Health Testimony on S.B. 961, SD2 Relating to Mental Health Treatment

Wednesday, March 18, 2015, 8:45 A.M. Conference Room 329

Chair Belatti and Members of the Committee:

The Hawaii Disability Rights Center offers the following comments. We are pleased to see that the SD 1 and SD2 versions addressed concerns we expressed at the respective hearings.

That said, there are still some provisions in here that are confusing and do raise legitimate questions. For example, the provisions regarding psychiatric examinations and testimony are unclear. The bill says that the petition must be accompanied by a certificate from a psychiatrist who has examined the Respondent within twenty days. Yet the bill then allows a psychiatrist to testify in Court who need not be the same one who filed the petition and there is no timeline within which that psychiatric exam must have occurred. The bill deletes the current requirement of a ten day window. In theory this would allow a psychiatrist to testify when the assessment was conducted years ago. It is hard to imagine that this is really the intent of the bill and so we would like to see this clarified.

We understand that the Court has had problems with scheduling the hearings within the current requirement of the law that it be within ten days. Some adjustment may be appropriate. The language in the bill which says that the hearing shall be set "as soon as possible" may be a bit too open ended and so we would suggest that perhaps a more definitive timeline should be considered.

We hope that by clarifying the points we have raised, the stakeholders involved with this issue will have a better understanding of how this outpatient treatment procedure will work.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this measure.



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TO: Representative Della Au Belatti, Chair

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FROM: Scott Morishige, MSW

Executive Director, PHOCUSED

HEARING: Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 8:45 a.m. in Conf. Rm. 329

Testimony in Support of SB961 SD2, Relating to Mental Health

Treatment.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony in **support** of SB961 SD2, which makes amendments to strengthen Hawaii's Assisted Community Treatment (ACT) law. PHOCUSED is a nonprofit membership and advocacy organization that works together with community stakeholders to impact program and policy change for the most vulnerable in our community, including individuals with serious mental illness.

The changes proposed in this bill were drafted after many discussions with the Family Court and other members of the Mental Health Task Force. These changes stem from the experience with the first ACT case that was presented to the Family Court. This first case highlighted a number of technical difficulties with the existing law, which are addressed by the proposed changes in this bill.

Hawaii's mental health system is currently fragmented, confusing, and nearly impossible to navigate. The result of this is that individuals with serious mental illness are often arrested for petty crimes, utilize emergency department services at a higher rate, undergo expensive and unnecessary multiple hospitalizations, and/or become homeless as a result of their mental illness. This is a very expensive revolving door that is hurtful to these individuals and the community. Hawaii's ACT law, which was originally passed in 2013, is part of the solution to fix this broken system and close the revolving door.

ACT provides a process whereby the Family Court can order a person with serious mental illness, who is not complying with treatment, to accept treatment in the community – thereby preventing them from bouncing in and out of the hospital, jail, and streets. In other states, this approach has resulted in a reduction in hospitalization and incarceration rates, and patients with violent histories have become significantly less likely to commit crime. SB961 will strengthen our current ACT law, and ease its implementation in our community.

Once again, PHOCUSED strongly urges your support of this bill. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact PHOCUSED at 521-7462 or by e-mail at admin@phocused-hawaii.org.



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March 16, 2015 House Committee on Health Testimony on S.B. 961 Relating to Mental Health Treatment

STRONG SUPPORT

Chair Belatti and Members of Committee:

I am Marya Grambs, Executive Director, Mental Health America of Hawaii. We are in strong support of SB961. This bill is a result of a collaboration between many community mental health organizations and advocates as well as staff members of the Department of Health and the Family Court Attorney General. The proposed changes both protect the rights of the individual during the process and ensure that the Court can move forward in a more efficient manner for all involved.

- The appointment of a Guardian Ad Litem affords greater protection for the subject of the petition, because the GAL is specifically dedicated to representing his or her best personal interests. The subject of the petition usually cannot represent him or herself adequately: one of the criteria that must be met for eligibility for an ACT order is that "the person's current mental status or the nature of the person's disorder limits or negates the person's ability to make an informed decision to voluntarily seek or comply with recommended treatment."
- It is important to ensure that a Public Defender is automatically appointed. The current law is confusing on this point.
- The current law requires repeated personal service to the subject, which can be intimidating and confusing for him/her, while the proposed change enables the Public Defender to receive service.

Thank you for your consideration of this testimony.

Sincerely yours,

Marya Grambs
Executive Director

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Comments: In support.

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Dear Chair Della Au Belatti, Vice Chair Richard P. Creagan, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Diane C. Haar. I am a licensed attorney practicing in the State of Hawai'i. My practice is devoted to representing individuals with disabilities and their interests throughout the state. I brought the first case for Assisted Community Treatment (ACT), and regularly work with our mentally ill, homeless population. The less restrictive option to involuntary commitment, ACT could be a solution to breaking these individuals out of the cycle of incarceration, hospitals, and homelessness by teaching them how to access treatment that will allow them to live independently in our communities hopefully with significant improvement in their well-being.

I am strongly in favor of the proposed amendments to ACT. They are made to ensure these cases flow more smoothly through the Court for all participants, as well as to ensure the best interests of the individual with mental health concerns are met.

Specifically, the amendments ensure the individual at issue has access to legal representation, including the use of the Public Defender if appropriate, rather than possibly having to proceed alone in a court proceeding he or she may not understand. Second, the amendments provide the Court the discretion to appoint a Guardian ad Litem where it determines it necessary to adequately protect our most vulnerable citizens whose mental illness has rendered them incapable of protecting their own best interests, but who are equally without family or close friends willing to do so. Third, the amendments allow subsequent documents to be served on the individual with mental illness' legal counsel, rather than have this individual subject to the potentially terrifying experience of having legal paperwork repeatedly thrust upon him or her on the street by a stranger. The fourth and fifth amendments are intended only to clean up the statutory language where it was previously inconsistent and recognize most of these cases will be done by the offices of the Attorney General and the Public Defender in the Family Court thus allowing scheduling to take place in a timelier, more manageable manner in view of these bodies' already significant workload.

Your consideration of these amendments is greatly appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

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Your consideration of these amendments is greatly appreciated. Thank you for the opportunity to testify on this important matter.

Chair Au Belatti and Members of the Committee:

I am Mary Pat Waterhouse, an the Advisory Board Member of the Waipahu Aloha Clubhouse, and I thank you for hearing SB 961 SD2 and for the opportunity to testify.

I strongly support SB 961 SD2.

The original Assisted Community Treatment (ACT) law was passed over 10 years ago but it wasn't used because of the law's major problems and flaws. To correct these problems and flaws, major changes were made to the law 2 years ago. The purpose of the law that passed 2 years ago and the one that we are trying to pass today have the same objectives, that is to stabilize psychotic, seriously mentally ill and/or substance abuse individuals who cycle between the streets, hospitals and/or correctional facilities and to permit the Family Court request that these individuals receive treatment in the community. This process to support our at risk community members has been validated by the findings in 9 studies that have shown significant decreases of between a 50% to 75% in the number of days these individuals are hospitalized, incarcerated, and are homeless.

Thank you,

Mary Pat Waterhouse

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Terry Yasuko Ogawa	The Institute for Human Services	Support	No

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Bonnie Lau	Individual	Comments Only	No

Comments: I support the current version of the bill allowing the Judge to appoint a Guardian for the subject.

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Carol Anne Gordon, MSW	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the current version of the bill allowing the Judge to appoint a Guardian for someone who has been determined by a psychiatrist to need mental health or substance abuse treatment who has met a series of criteria to be court ordered to receive the treatment they need. I am an MSW, and in both my internships, I worked with the homeless (at IHS & with US VETS). Please pass this bill which will help homeless people who need a guardian to help them get help. Mahalo.

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Carole Mandryk	Individual	Support	No

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Janet Grace	Individual	Support	No

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Justin B Phillips	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I have been working with the mentally ill/substance abused homeless for the last 5 years. I believe we as a society, community, and me as a person have a responsibility to act. Our streets are littered with those that will never make a choice to help themselves. Let's act now as a community and make the harder decision. Approve this bill so we can start healing.

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Testimony for HLT on Mar 18, 2015 08:45AM in Conference Room 329

Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Kathleen M Pahinui	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support the current version of the bill allowing the Judge to appoint a Guardian for the subject

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Hello,

I am submitting in support of SB961.

Changes proposed to assisted community treatment would help clarify the process of petitioning for someone who has been determined by a psychiatrist to need mental health or substance abuse treatment who has met a series of criteria to be court ordered to receive the treatment they need.

Thank you, Kim Falinski

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Submitted By	Organization	Testifier Position	Present at Hearing
Margaret Murchie	Individual	Support	No

Comments: Please pass this as there are so many lost souls out there who cannot or will not make decisions for themselves. I see them daily & my heart goes out to them but we have to get them professional help. Some are a danger to themselves & others

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margaret pe	eary	Individual	Support	No

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Richard Hagstrom	Individual	Support	No

Comments: I support SB961 with the current proposed changes

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Ursua Retherford	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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valrie griffith	Individual	Support	No

Comments: please note that I support the current version of the bill allowing the Judge to appoint a Guardian for the subject. Thank You V Griffith

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F	red Moore	Individual	Support	No

Comments:

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